

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, title:

Coatings of $M_{n+1}AX_n$ material for electrical contact elements Coatings

Cross-reference to related applications

This application claims priority to U.S. provisional patent applications 60/511,424 and 60/511,430 filed 16 October 2003 and is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/IB2004/003390 filed 18 October 2004.

Page 13, first paragraph:

The invention also relates to a use of the contact arrangement ~~according to any of the claims according to the invention relating to a contact arrangement~~, in which a probe for measuring and testing an integrated circuit is covered with said multielement material film, a contact layer is coated/combined with a metallic layer, avoiding chemical degradation and metal cladding on the probe. It is self evident that this use according to the invention is very favourable, since it will make it possible to carry out measurements and testing without any interruptions for replacing or cleaning the probe.

Page 13, second paragraph:

The invention also relates to a use of the contact arrangement, ~~according to any of claims~~
~~according to the invention relating to a contact arrangement~~ in which a contact for enabling
contact to an electronic device, such as an integrated circuit is covered with a said multielement
material film enabling electrical contact to the device.

Page 13, third paragraph:

Further advantages as well as advantageous features appear from the following description ~~and~~
~~the other dependent claims.~~